

(d) There is no proposal for providing any relief to such cultivators

Silk Design cum Research Centre

4957 SHRI YASWANTRAOFATIL Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Indian silk Export Promotion Council has requested the Union Government to set up a Silk design Cum research Centre,

(b) if so whether the Government propose to set up such a Centre and

(c) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) (a) In his speech at the Annual Award Function of the Council held on 24th January 1992 the chairman Indian Silk Export Promotion Council had suggested that Government may allocate funds for establishment of Silk Design Cum Research Centre under the National Sericulture Project

(b) and (c) The Central Silk Board has already initiated action for establishment of a Design Centre under the National Sericulture Project at an approximate expenditure of Rs. one crore. The Centre which is being established at Board's Central Silk Technological Research Institute at Bangalore will have the following sub-units

- (i) Design Collection and Documentation (Museum)
- (ii) Art Studio
- (iii) Operational Research Studies
- (iv) Computer Aided Textile Design (CATD) and Colour Matching

(v) Innovation of Woven and printed Designs

Problems of Powerloom Industries

4958 SHRI SIMON MARANDI Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) whether the powerloom industries are facing problem of raw materials due to steep rise in Polyester filament yarn, Nylon filament yarn, Viscose filament yarn, Acetate filament yarn and Copolymer filament yarn,

(b) the action taken by the Government since January 1991 to control the prices of essential items/products of this industry

(c) the details of the concessions proposed to be provided to the Powerloom and Handloom industries, and

(d) whether OGL facility is proposed to be provided to these industries to enable them to import raw material?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) (a) and (b) There have been fluctuations in the prices of filament yarn during the last one year. However, in order to keep the prices under check, a meeting was convened by the Ministry of Textiles in October, 91 with the manufacturers of PFY, NFY and VFY and it was impressed upon them to make available yarn to the weavers at reasonable and affordable prices. In the January, 1992, Textile Commissioner also convened a meeting with VFY manufacturers and user industry and requested the manufacturers to arrest any further increase in the prices of VFY and bring down the prices

(c) The Government is aware of the development requirement of Powerloom and Handloom Industry. During the VIIIth Five